

for education, health care, and workforce development, even as the President requests nearly \$200 billion in unbudgeted, no strings attached funding to continue the Iraq War for another year. That is no way to balance America's checkbook.

Under the budget passed by the New Democratic Congress, we can take care of America at home—increase funding for our schools, offer more student assistance for college, invest in biomedical research at NIH, expand health care access, and help Americans compete in the global economy—and balance the budget by 2012. These priorities are America's priorities, and Democrats in Congress will continue to fight for them.

Mr. OBEY. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

Under the Constitution, the vote must be by the yeas and nays.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 277, nays 141, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 1122]

YEAS—277

Abercrombie	Davis (IL)	Honda
Ackerman	Davis, Lincoln	Hooley
Allen	DeFazio	Hoyer
Altmire	DeGette	Hulshof
Andrews	Delahunt	Inslee
Arcuri	DeLauro	Israel
Baca	Dent	Jackson (IL)
Baird	Diaz-Balart, L.	Jackson-Lee
Baldwin	Diaz-Balart, M.	(TX)
Barrow	Dicks	Jefferson
Bean	Dingell	Johnson (GA)
Becerra	Doggett	Johnson (IL)
Berkley	Donnelly	Johnson, E. B.
Berman	Edwards	Jones (OH)
Berry	Ehlers	Kagen
Biggert	Ellison	Kanjorski
Bilirakis	Ellsworth	Kaptur
Bishop (GA)	Emanuel	Keller
Bishop (NY)	Emerson	Kennedy
Blumenauer	Engel	Kildee
Boren	English (PA)	Kilpatrick
Boswell	Eshoo	Kind
Boucher	Etheridge	Kirk
Boyd (FL)	Farr	Klein (FL)
Boyda (KS)	Fattah	Lampson
Brady (PA)	Ferguson	Langevin
Braley (IA)	Filner	Lantos
Brown, Corrine	Fortenberry	Larsen (WA)
Buchanan	Frank (MA)	Larson (CT)
Butterfield	Frelinghuysen	LaTourette
Capito	Gerlach	Lee
Capps	Giffords	Levin
Capuano	Gilchrest	Lewis (GA)
Cardoza	Gillibrand	Lipinski
Carnahan	Gonzalez	LoBiondo
Carney	Gordon	Loebsack
Castle	Graves	Lofgren, Zoe
Castor	Green, Al	Lowey
Chandler	Green, Gene	Mahoney (FL)
Clarke	Grijalva	Maloney (NY)
Clay	Gutierrez	Markey
Cleaver	Hall (NY)	Marshall
Clyburn	Hare	Matheson
Cohen	Harman	Matsui
Conyers	Hastings (FL)	McCarthy (NY)
Cooper	Hayes	McCollum (MN)
Costa	Herseth Sandlin	McDermott
Costello	Higgins	McGovern
Courtney	Hill	McHugh
Cramer	Hinchey	McIntyre
Crowley	Hinojosa	McNerney
Cuellar	Hirono	McNulty
Cummings	Hodes	Meek (FL)
Davis (AL)	Holden	Meeks (NY)
Davis (CA)	Holt	Melancon

Michaud	Reyes	Sutton
Miller (MI)	Reynolds	Tanner
Miller (NC)	Richardson	Tauscher
Miller, George	Rodriguez	Taylor
Mitchell	Rogers (AL)	Thompson (CA)
Mollohan	Ros-Lehtinen	Thompson (MS)
Moore (KS)	Ross	Tierney
Moore (WI)	Rothman	Towns
Moran (VA)	Roybal-Allard	Tsongas
Murphy (CT)	Ruppersberger	Turner
Murphy, Patrick	Rush	Udall (CO)
Murphy, Tim	Ryan (OH)	Udall (NM)
Murtha	Salazar	Upton
Nadler	Sánchez, Linda	Velázquez
Napolitano	T.	Visclosky
Neal (MA)	Sanchez, Loretta	Walden (OR)
Obeys	Sarbanes	Walsh (NY)
Oliver	Schakowsky	Walz (MN)
Ortiz	Schiff	Wasserman
Pallone	Schwartz	Schultz
Pascarell	Scott (GA)	Waters
Pastor	Scott (VA)	Watson
Payne	Serrano	Watt
Pelosi	Sestak	Waxman
Perlmutter	Shays	Weiner
Peterson (MN)	Shea-Porter	Welch (VT)
Peterson (PA)	Sherman	Wexler
Pickering	Shuler	Whitfield
Platts	Simpson	Wilson (NM)
Pomeroy	Sires	Wilson (OH)
Porter	Skelton	Wolf
Price (NC)	Slaughter	Woolsey
Pryce (OH)	Smith (NJ)	Wu
Rahall	Smith (WA)	Wynn
Ramstad	Snyder	Yarmuth
Rangel	Solis	Young (AK)
Regula	Space	Young (FL)
Rehberg	Spratt	
Reichert	Stupak	

NAYS—141

Aderholt	Fossella	Miller (FL)
Akin	Foxo	Miller, Gary
Alexander	Franks (AZ)	Moran (KS)
Bachmann	Gallely	Musgrave
Bachus	Garrett (NJ)	Myrick
Baker	Gingrey	Neugebauer
Barrett (SC)	Gohmert	Nunes
Bartlett (MD)	Goode	Pearce
Barton (TX)	Goodlatte	Pence
Bilbray	Granger	Petri
Bishop (UT)	Hall (TX)	Pitts
Blackburn	Hastert	Poe
Blunt	Hastings (WA)	Price (GA)
Boehner	Heller	Putnam
Bonner	Hensarling	Radanovich
Boozman	Herger	Renzi
Boustany	Hobson	Rogers (KY)
Brady (TX)	Hoekstra	Rogers (MI)
Broun (GA)	Hunter	Rohrabacher
Brown (SC)	Inglis (SC)	Roskam
Brown-Waite,	Issa	Royce
Ginny	Johnson, Sam	Ryan (WI)
Burgess	Jones (NC)	Sali
Burton (IN)	Jordan	Saxton
Buyer	King (IA)	Schmidt
Calvert	King (NY)	Sensenbrenner
Camp (MI)	Kingston	Sessions
Campbell (CA)	Kline (MN)	Shadegg
Cannon	Knollenberg	Shimkus
Cantor	Kuhl (NY)	Shuster
Carter	Lamborn	Smith (NE)
Chabot	Latham	Smith (TX)
Coble	Lewis (CA)	Souder
Cole (OK)	Lewis (KY)	Stearns
Conaway	Linder	Sullivan
Crenshaw	Lucas	Tancredo
Culberson	Lungren, Daniel	Terry
Davis (KY)	E.	Thornberry
Davis, David	Manzullo	Tiahrt
Davis, Tom	Marchant	Tiberi
Deal (GA)	McCarthy (CA)	Walberg
Doolittle	McCaul (TX)	Wamp
Drake	McCotter	Weldon (FL)
Dreier	McCrery	Westmoreland
Duncan	McHenry	Wicker
Fallin	McKeon	Wilson (SC)
Feeney	McMorris	
Flake	Rodgers	
Forbes	Mica	

NOT VOTING—15

Bono	Jindal	Oberstar
Carson	Kucinich	Paul
Cubin	LaHood	Stark
Doyle	Lynch	Van Hollen
Everett	Mack	Weller

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 2141

Mr. RADANOVICH changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So (two-thirds not being in the affirmative) the veto of the President was sustained and the bill was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The veto message and the bill will be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Clerk will notify the Senate of the action of the House.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. STENY H. HOYER AND HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH DECEMBER 4, 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

November 15, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STENY H. HOYER and the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through December 4, 2007.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007

Mr. HODES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PERLMUTTER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Hampshire?

There was no objection.

□ 2145

COMMENDING DEAN AGUILLEN

(Mr. HODES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HODES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Dean Aguilien, an important member of this body's staff, on the occasion of his transition. He's moving on from his job here.

Dean is the Director of Member Services for Speaker NANCY PELOSI, and there are a number of new Members here tonight, and as we all remember, Dean was one of the first, if not the first, members of the staff of the

Speaker whom we had the pleasure to deal with.

We arrived here for our orientation, quite disoriented and needing a lot of orientation; and we found Dean to be a calm, knowledgeable mentor. He was a guide, he was kind, he was compassionate, and he was smart.

As I began to help organize the Democratic new Members into what would become the class of 2006, it was Dean who was the go-to guy for that effort. He is a consummate professional of integrity, dedication, kindness, and wisdom. And we wish him well in his new life. We will miss him.

Dean, thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. WELCH).

Mr. WELCH. This may well, Mr. Speaker, turn into a bit of a pile-on. There were a lot of new Members in the class, and Dean Aguillen was the person that greeted us. And if there was one person that we met who seemed to have worked harder than the Speaker, it was Dean.

And I remember every single one of us, as new Members, being anxious about what our place was going to be, how to find our way. We were very anxious about committee assignments, about how you become an effective and contributing Member of the House. And, Dean, you were terrific in just giving us calm advice, getting us together to work together, giving us some reassurance that we needed as new Members of Congress, that, in fact, it wasn't an accident that we were elected, and helped all of us find our way. And you've been the same way all of the time that we have been here.

In politics so much of the interactions that we have are transactional, and all of us all of the time are trying to make them a bit more than that. And, Dean, you really helped provide the glue that made this class such a memorable experience for all of us who are Members of it.

I thank you for the wonderful contribution you made to me and to all of us in our entry into the United States Congress.

IN APPRECIATION TO DEAN AGUILLEN

(Mr. WALZ of Minnesota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I too am here to give a heartfelt thank you to Dean. You're going to hear several colleagues talk about him.

When I came to this institution, I came directly from the public school classroom. And the learning curve was very steep. And every step of that way, Dean was right there to help us. He is someone who understood this institution. He is someone who was willing to give his knowledge. And he was here, Mr. Speaker, for one purpose in mind: to make this country a better place. And for that I am eternally grateful. Dean has not only been a great mentor

and a great resource for me here; he's turn into a great friend. And we have talked a little bit of everything from policy to procedures, but also a lot of football too.

And, Dean, I thank you for all you do. You exemplify what makes this Nation great. People are willing to give up careers in private service to serve their Nation in public service, and you have done that incredibly well. I commend you for that and thank you as a friend.

CONGRATULATING DEAN AGUILLEN

(Mr. SARBANES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with all the others who have spoken tonight about Dean Aguillen and his service to this Chamber.

Ten years is a long time. It's no surprise that Dean rose through the ranks and was counted on by so many. I got to know him, as you've heard, in those early days. We were elected last November. We came in here, and it was like drinking out of a firehose, trying to absorb everything.

And everywhere we turned, Dean, you were there as a calming influence and continued in that role over time in the Chamber, in the hallways, on the phone, always a resource when we needed it.

So I wish you the very best. I know you go on to great things, whatever you choose to pursue. I know you will be taking with you a tremendous amount of knowledge and expertise and skills away from this Chamber. But I also know that you've shared it with so many that the benefits of what you brought to this Chamber will continue for years and years to come. So congratulations on your service.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION TO DEAN AGUILLEN

(Mr. GONZALEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I have known Dean for a number of years, and we share a passion for the Spurs and he's homegrown, San Antonio.

And Dean will tell you the story that his interest in politics was a result of watching my father, the late Henry B. Gonzalez, on Sundays when Dean was just a little boy. Now, I remember watching Dad. I was a lot older. But the thing was they didn't exactly give my father prime time. It was very early on Sunday mornings. And the reason that many of the children in San Antonio watched my father was that he came on right before the cartoons.

So, Dean, I'm on to you. I know exactly why you were watching the television, and I'm glad that you watched Dad before the cartoons.

Dean had the hardest job of anyone on Speaker PELOSI's staff. Every Thursday at 11:30, he would report to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus weekly luncheon meeting, at which time we were able to express ourselves and say many things that we couldn't say to the Speaker. We are confident that he conveyed some of it in more diplomatic terms.

But, seriously, I think he took our message back to the Speaker. He was the conduit. The Speaker can't be in 200 places at one time, though we wish she could. So Dean was a very valuable player, obviously, in this whole organization and made, I believe, the Speaker's Office much more responsive to the needs of so many different Members of our very, very diverse caucus.

And for that, Dean, we extend our grateful appreciation. We wish you well, but we have a sense that we are going to be seeing you, of course, and I am definitely going to see you when the Spurs are in the championship round again.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO DEAN AGUILLEN

(Mr. AL GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am so honored to stand here tonight and say farewell to a very dear friend.

Dean Aguillen has had a tremendous impact on my life. I have a legislative director that he recommended who has done a stellar job. And while I am sure he has been helpful to many and probably a little bit more helpful to some than others, I think he deserves the title of a real live angel in the House of Representatives.

And "while some measure their lives by days and years, others by heart-throbs, passions, and tears, the surest measure under God's sun is what for others in your lifetime have you done."

Dean, I thank you for what you have done for others in your lifetime. God bless you.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO ELESTINE NORMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. BARRETT) is recognized for 5 minutes.